



Code: 1649

Family: Legal and Regulatory

Service: Administrative

Group: Statistical, Technical, and Analytical

Series: Real Estate and Legal

CLASS TITLE: CHIEF LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under direction, manages and directs city-wide collective bargaining activities, labor relations and related legal matters, and performs related duties as required

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Manages and directs the collective bargaining process with labor unions representing city employees
- Reviews and edits drafts of collective bargaining proposals
- Develops strategies for the negotiation of collective bargaining provisions
- Analyzes and interprets legislation and court, agency and arbitration rulings applicable to city labor policies
- Coordinates the work of attorneys engaged in researching and handling assigned labor cases, as needed
- Plans goals and objectives related to the city's collective bargaining activities and prioritizes and monitors attorney workloads to ensure incoming cases are handled expeditiously
- Analyzes and troubleshoots high-profile or complex cases and establishes alternative strategies for resolution
- Interprets labor contracts and advises elected officials, labor representatives and city departments on related legal matters
- Manages and directs the Law Department's representation of the city with the Labor Board and arbitrations

NOTE: *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience

- Graduation from an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school, plus seven years of legal and managerial work experience of which three years are in a supervisory role related to the responsibilities of the position, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.

Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications

- Admission to the Illinois Bar (or eligible for admission on motion to the Illinois Bar pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 705)

WORKING CONDITIONS

- General office environment

EQUIPMENT

- Standard office equipment (e.g., telephone, printer, photocopier, fax machine, calculator)

- Computers and peripheral equipment (e.g., personal computer, computer terminals, hand-held computer, modems)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- No specific requirements

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge

Considerable knowledge of:

- *principles and practices of labor law and collective bargaining
- *municipal, state and federal labor and employment laws
- *the legal system and the principles and practices of applicable areas of the law
- *courtroom procedures and legal terminology
- *legal research methods, techniques, and resources
- *supervisory and management methods, practices, and procedures
- the City's organizational structure
- labor law and administration

Knowledge of applicable City and department policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and ordinances

Other knowledge as required for successful performance in the Assistant Chief Labor Negotiator class

Skills

- *ACTIVE LEARNING - Understand the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making
- *ACTIVE LISTENING - Give full attention to what other people are saying, take time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- *CRITICAL THINKING - Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems
- *MONITORING - Monitor and assess performance of one's self, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action
- *COMPLEX PROBLEM SOLVING - Identify complex problems and review related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions
- *MANAGEMENT OF PERSONNEL RESOURCES - Motivate, develop, and direct people as they work and identify the best people for the job
- *COORDINATION WITH OTHERS - Adjust actions in relation to others' actions
- *INSTRUCTING - Teach others how to do something
- *NEGOTIATION - Bring others together and trying to reconcile differences
- *PERSUASION - Persuade others to change their minds or behavior
- *JUDGEMENT AND DECISION MAKING - Consider the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one

Other skills as required for successful performance in the Assistant Chief Labor Negotiator class

Abilities

- COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- SPEAK - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- COMPREHEND WRITTEN INFORMATION - Read and understand information and ideas presented in writing
- WRITE - Communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand
- REASON TO SOLVE PROBLEMS - Apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense
- MAKE SENSE OF INFORMATION - Quickly make sense of, combine, and organize information into meaningful patterns
- REACH CONCLUSIONS - Combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events)

Other abilities as required for successful performance in the Assistant Chief Labor Negotiator class

Other Work Requirements

- PERSISTENCE - Persist in the face of obstacles on the job
- INITIATIVE - Demonstrate willingness to take on job challenges
- LEADERSHIP - Demonstrate willingness to lead, take charge, and offer opinions and direction
- ADAPTABILITY/FLEXIBILITY - Be open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace
- DEPENDABILITY - Demonstrate reliability, responsibility, and dependability and fulfill obligations
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks
- ANALYTICAL THINKING - Analyze information and using logic to address work or job issues and problems

Other characteristics as required for successful performance in the Assistant Chief Labor Negotiator class

All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

* May be required at entry.

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